

English for Journalists

Blended Media Course Pilot

If you are a senior student of journalism or an early-career journalist, consider applying for a new pilot course offered by the U.S. Embassy Pristina's "English for Journalists" Program! This innovative 10-week course couples online learning with face-to-face meetings to maximize learning possibilities. This program was designed by English teaching and journalism professionals from Kosovo and nine regional countries along with experts from Voice of America and the University of California at Berkeley.

The course will run from April 27-July 5, 2015. Participants are expected to fully commit to this timeframe and participate on weekly basis.

Course Location: American Corner in Pristina (located in the National Library of Kosovo)

Course Goals: By the end of this course, participants can expect to have a greater knowledge of critical journalistic activities, and the English language skills and abilities required to perform them.

Course Content: Instructional modules will cover topics including ethics, inclusive journalism, global versus local news, citizen journalism, freedom of speech and the press, humor and satire, sports, science and technology, and future trends in media.

Interested candidates should meet the following criteria:

- Be currently employed, early- to mid- career, practicing journalists OR senior-level students of journalism at universities/colleges
- Be citizens/residents of Kosovo
- Have an intermediate (B1/ preferably B2 on the CEFR) level of English language proficiency* (this is NOT a course for beginners)
- Be able to dedicate 4 hours per week over the 10-week period on the course
- Be able to participate both online and meet in person at least once a week with course facilitator, Mr. Fazli Rrezja, MA in Journalism.
- Be willing to provide evaluation feedback at the end of each module/week

**Note: The Diagnostic English Proficiency Test can be taken at the EducationUSA - American Advising Center, located at the American School of Kosovo, as per following schedule:*

Monday to Thursday, anytime between 11:00 to 19:00

Friday, anytime between 14:30 to 19:00

Please send your questions and/or your completed application to kosvoedexchanges@state.gov

Application package must include:

- **CV**
- **Motivation Letter**
- **Self-assessment of your English language proficiency***
- **Brief video self-introduction (MUST BE SUBMITTED AS A YOUTUBE OR VIMEO LINK)**

***Report from the Diagnostic English Proficiency Test taken at the EducationUSA - American Advising Center.**

Only completed applications will be considered.

Applications due by March 15, 2015!

Participants, who regularly attend meetings, demonstrate exemplary performance in all course activities, and compile high quality final portfolios will receive a certificate. One exceptional participant will be offered a fully-funded, two-week fellowship (for practicing journalists) or internship (for students of journalism) at Voice of America in Washington, DC in Fall/Winter 2015.